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REF: A. REYKJAVIK 447 (DTG 031411Z APR 78); B. REYKJAVIK 206
(DTG 091701Z FEB 78) AND PREVIOUS

1. DURING RECENT VISIT BY COAST GUARD TEAM (REF A), HANNES HAFSTEIN, DIRECTOR OF ICELANDIC LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION (ILA) AND HIS DEPUTY, OSKAR THOR KARLSSON, DISCUSSED POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE AT USCG SEARCH AND RESCUE SCHOOL FOR BOTH MEN. ALTHOUGH HAFSTEIN DID NOT MENTION SPECIFIC TIME FRAME FOR HIS PARTICIPATION, HE HOPED THAT KARLSSON COULD ATTEND COURSE IN OR AROUND NOVEMBER 1978. HAFSTEIN ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IF HE COULD ATTEND SAR COURSE HIMSELF, TIME WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ALLOW HIM TO VISIT USCG RESCUE CENTER AT GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, ACCOMPANY A HELICOPTER RESCUE MISSION, AND MEET WITH VOLUNTARY LIFESAVING ASSOCIATIONS IN US.

2. AS NOTED REF B, EMBASSY FULLY SUPPORTS REQUEST TO ATTEND SAR COURSE. PARTICIPATION BY KARLSSON IN ADDITION TO HAFSTEIN IS NEW ELEMENT TO REQUEST BUT FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL VISIT BY COAST GUARD TEAM, WE HOPE THAT DEPARTMENT AND USCG CAN PROVIDE POSITIVE RESPONSE.
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3. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION WITH COAST GUARD NEITHER HAFSTEIN NOR KARLSSON RAISED MATTER OF POSSIBLE USG ASSISTANCE FOR HELP IN DEFRAYING COSTS RELATED TO THEIR PARTICIPATION IN SAR COURSE DESPITE EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT SUCH A REQUEST MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING (REF B). REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE COULD

CONCEIVABLY BE RAISED AGAIN BY ILA AT SOME FUTURE DATE.

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